

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
FINAL: Minutes for August Meeting
8/11/04

Meeting of the,
Robin Plance Chair
800 NE Oregon Ave., 6:10 to 8:10 PM

Minutes taken by Dorothy Shoemaker

Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	(b) (6)	St. Johns Chair, Administrative committee coordinator
Peter Laughingwolf	(b) (6)	Cathedral Park
Business:		
Steve Gunther	(b) (6)	Progressive Products and Services
Environment:		
Dorothy Shoemaker	(b) (6)	Sierra Club Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary
Rhett Lawrence	rhett@ospirg.org	OSPIRG

At-Large:

(b) (6)	(b) (6)	Citizen
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(b) (6)	no email, (b) (6)	Citizen

Excused absences:

Neighborhood Associations:

Larry Talbert	(b) (6)	Hi Noon
Health:		
Jane Haley-Harris	jane@oregon-health.org	Oregon Center for Environmental Health (OCEH)
Recreation:		
Bill Barrett	(b) (6)	Waterfront Org. of Oregon
(b) (6)	(b) (6)	
At-Large:		
Joe Keating	(b) (6)	Oregon Wildlife Federation Education and Outreach coordinator
Environment:		
Travis Williams	travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org	Willamette Riverkeeper

Resigned:

Neighborhood Associations:

(b) (6)	(b) (6)	University Park
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Others present:

Jim Anderson	DEQ	Anderson.jim@deq.state.or.us
Judy Smith	EPA	smithjudy@epa.gov
Barbara Smith	Lower Willamette Group	Barbara@harrisandsmith.com
Fenix Grange	DEQ	grange.fenix@deq.state.or.us
Chip Humphrey	EPA	humphrey.chip@epa.gov
Kim Cox	City of Portland	kimc@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Bud Hartman	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club	no email
Bill Egan	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club	no email
(b) (6)	Citizen	(b) (6)
Lisa Estensen	Grand Ronde	lisa.estensen@grandronde.org 503-879-2335
Chris White	Port of Portland	whitec@portptd.org
Valerie Lee	Environment International	

7 members present at beginning of meeting. Jackie Calder arrived late. Excused: Bill Barrett, Joe Keating, Travis Williams, Raquel Coyote.

Robin Plance brought the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Robin will contact Larry Talbert to see if he intends to start attending meetings.

Add to agenda: Steve Gunther wanted to discuss the Portland Fire Rescue cleanup. He brought an RFP for dredging at the site.

Steve asked that Robin send out his testimony to the Willamette River Cleanup Authority.

Dorothy will send out the 2 PRP letters, by Robin and Steve.

Steve said there would not be a contractor to speak tonight.

The next meeting will be September 8, 2004, same room and time.

Jim wants to move the meetings back to the water lab. The discussion was sent to email. There is an open motion:

MOTION: Change the CAG meeting place to the Water Lab. Jim moved/Peter seconded. Tabled to email.

MOTION: Accept July minutes, with minor edit (If/It). Jim moved/Rhett seconded. Vote 7-0 in favor.

Dorothy has been working on the flyer. She brought a two-column version, with the CAG logo. One paragraph was problematic. Dorothy was given instructions to edit it.

MOTION: Adopt flyer with changes to be made, OK'd over email. Jim moved/Peter seconded. Passed 7-0.

Field Day

Judy Smith announced that there will be a Field Day at Cathedral Park on September 18, 2004, Saturday, from 1 to 4 PM. It is sponsored by many groups, including the CAG, EPA, LWG, and others. Dorothy will create a link on the CAG website to the EPA Field Day page, which Judy will email.

Judy's wish list from the CAG for Field Day:

- Tabling by CAG

- Posting flyers (Judy can mail them to us)

- Donations of raffle prizes

Judy is placing an ad in 8 community newspapers. LWG is spending \$3500 for advertising, \$5000 altogether on Field Day.

The CAG will table. Jackie, Robin and Dorothy volunteered. Robin will provide an awning. EPA will provide tables for us.

MOTION: Have table at Field Day. Dorothy moved/Steve seconded. 7-0 in favor.

Committee Business

Dorothy wondered about the GASCO cleanup, and whether the CAG evaluation committee should meet to discuss it. Judy will send us email to update us on GASCO, as to the scope of work and selection of contractors. 2 contractors have been selected.

Robin talked to reps from Schnitzer Steel, but he would like Tom Zelenka (Schnitzer's VP for Environment) himself to come talk to the CAG. Robin was told that Schnitzer's attorney recommended that Schnitzer not sign an agreement with the LWG.

The retreat is scheduled for August 28, at 9 AM. There was discussion. Rhett, Jim, and Steve can't go. The retreat is at Peter Laughingwolf's house. He will email directions to Dorothy, who will send the information to the CAG membership.

Dorothy will donate real stationary to the CAG. We'll keep using the WRK address. Dorothy is now mediator for the pdxharborcag.org listserv.

Tribes

Valerie Lee of Environment International, is a consultant to the 6 Tribes which are involved in the Portland Harbor cleanup. Lisa Estersen is a Grand Ronde member and attorney. They spoke about the Tribes' participation in the Superfund.

The Tribal reps are trustees for damages. Fishing rights off the reservation are affected.

Tribes have a role in the cleanup similar to states. They are the lead agency for cleanups on their reservations. The tribes are the support agency to the EPA for off-reservation cleanups, like the Portland Harbor. The 6 Tribes have signed an agreement with the EPA and DEQ that memorializes the tribes' role in the RI/FS.

The Natural Resources Recovery Group (NRRG), consists of 8 companies, the Port, and the Tribes. NRRG is conducting a cooperative assessment, called the Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA).

RI/FS	relates to cleanup
NRDA	restoration of injuries due to release of hazardous substances

The Tribes feel both the RI/FS and NRDA should be adequate and cost-effective.

The Tribes have spent over \$400,000 since they became involved in the Superfund process.

Defining the final boundaries of the Harbor Cleanup, ie. The ISA issue is a big issue for the Tribes. The original ISA is river miles 3.5 to 9.2.

The Human Health Risk Assessment, which is detailed in the Work Plan, is important to the Tribes. The Ecological Risk Assessment will be outlined in Technical Memoranda.

Tribal members consume 10 times more fish than the “Average American.”

The Conceptual Site Model (CSM) due next month will link upland and in-water cleanups.

Conclusion

Regina’s talk was moved to September, due to time constraints.

Steve Gunther brought an Request for Proposals (RFP) for dredging to get the fire boat into its slip. This is maintenance dredging. The Army Corps of Engineers Oks dredging. Chip Humphrey and Robin will talk about having the Corps come talk to the CAG. Kim Cox, speaking for the City of Portland, also offered input.

Bill from Oregon Bass and Panfish says Willamette Cove habitat is being destroyed by dredging, and gravel and sand are being added. This is a site owned by Metro now. The CAG membership expressed interest and concern.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.